

provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HOBSON, recognized Mr. HANSEN and Mr. DEFAZIO, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HOBSON, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶129.12 TRAFFICKING OF BABY BODY PARTS

Mr. FOSSELLA moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 350):

Whereas the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993 effectively lifted the ban on federally funded research involving the transplantation of baby body parts, and such Act made it a Federal felony for any person to knowingly, for "valuable consideration," purchase or sell baby body parts (with a term of imprisonment of up to 10 years and with fines of up to \$250,000 in the case of an individual and \$500,000 in the case of an organization);

Whereas private companies have sought to meet the demand by both public and private research facilities by providing baby body parts;

Whereas the definition of "valuable consideration" under the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993 does not include reasonable payments associated with the transportation, implantation, processing, preservation, quality control, or storage of baby body parts; and

Whereas private companies appear to believe that the definition of "valuable consideration" allows them to circumvent Federal law and avoid felony charges with impunity while trafficking in baby body parts for profit: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the Congress should exercise oversight responsibilities and conduct hearings, and take appropriate steps if necessary, concerning private companies that are involved in the trafficking of baby body parts for profit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HOBSON recognized Mr. FOSSELLA and Ms. DEGETTE, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HOBSON, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶129.13 PROVIDING FOR AGREEING TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS ON H.R. 2280

Mr. STUMP moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 368):

Resolved, That, upon the adoption of this resolution, the House shall be considered to have taken from the Speaker's table the bill H.R. 2280, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to have concurred in the Senate amendment with the following amendments:

(1) Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans."

(2) In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment of the Senate, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1999".

(b) REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 2. DISABILITY COMPENSATION.

(a) INCREASE IN RATES.—Section 1114 is amended—

(1) by striking "\$95" in subsection (a) and inserting "\$98";

(2) by striking "\$182" in subsection (b) and inserting "\$188";

(3) by striking "\$279" in subsection (c) and inserting "\$288";

(4) by striking "\$399" in subsection (d) and inserting "\$413";

(5) by striking "\$569" in subsection (e) and inserting "\$589";

(6) by striking "\$717" in subsection (f) and inserting "\$743";

(7) by striking "\$905" in subsection (g) and inserting "\$937";

(8) by striking "\$1,049" in subsection (h) and inserting "\$1,087";

(9) by striking "\$1,181" in subsection (i) and inserting "\$1,224";

(10) by striking "\$1,964" in subsection (j) and inserting "\$2,036";

(11) in subsection (k)—

(A) by striking "\$75" both places it appears and inserting "\$76"; and

(B) by striking "\$2,443" and "\$3,426" and inserting "\$2,533" and "\$3,553", respectively;

(12) by striking "\$2,443" in subsection (l) and inserting "\$2,533";

(13) by striking "\$2,694" in subsection (m) and inserting "\$2,794";

(14) by striking "\$3,066" in subsection (n) and inserting "\$3,179";

(15) by striking "\$3,426" each place it appears in subsections (o) and (p) and inserting "\$3,553";

(16) by striking "\$1,471" and "\$2,190" in subsection (r) and inserting "\$1,525" and "\$2,271", respectively; and

(17) by striking "\$2,199" in subsection (s) and inserting "\$2,280".

(b) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may authorize administratively, consistent with the increases authorized by this section, the rates of disability compensation payable to persons within the

purview of section 10 of Public Law 85-857 who are not in receipt of compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS.

Section 1115(1) is amended—

(1) by striking "\$114" in clause (A) and inserting "\$117";

(2) by striking "\$195" and "\$60" in clause (B) and inserting "\$201" and "\$61", respectively;

(3) by striking "\$78" and "\$60" in clause (C) and inserting "\$80" and "\$61", respectively;

(4) by striking "\$92" in clause (D) and inserting "\$95";

(5) by striking "\$215" in clause (E) and inserting "\$222"; and

(6) by striking "\$180" in clause (F) and inserting "\$186".

SEC. 4. CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS.

Section 1162 is amended by striking "\$528" and inserting "\$546".

SEC. 5. DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES.

(a) NEW LAW RATES.—Section 1311(a) is amended—

(1) by striking "\$850" in paragraph (1) and inserting "\$881"; and

(2) by striking "\$185" in paragraph (2) and inserting "\$191".

(b) OLD LAW RATES.—The table in section 1311(a)(3) is amended to read as follows:

"Pay grade rate	Monthly
E-1	\$881
E-2	881
E-3	881
E-4	881
E-5	881
E-6	881
E-7	911
E-8	962
E-9	1,003
W-1	930
W-2	968
W-3	997
W-4	1,054
O-1	930
O-2	962
O-3	1,028
O-4	1,087
O-5	1,198
O-6	1,349
O-7	1,458
O-8	1,598
O-9	1,712
O-10	2,718.78

"If the veteran served as sergeant major of the Army, senior enlisted advisor of the Navy, chief master sergeant of the Air Force, sergeant major of the Marine Corps, or master chief petty officer of the Coast Guard, at the applicable time designated by section 1302 of this title, the surviving spouse's rate shall be \$1,082.

"If the veteran served as Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army, Chief of Naval Operations, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Commandant of the Marine Corps, or Commandant of the Coast Guard, at the applicable time designated by section 1302 of this title, the surviving spouse's rate shall be \$2,013."

(c) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR CHILDREN.—Section 1311(b) is amended by striking "\$215" and inserting "\$222".

(d) AID AND ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE.—Section 1311(c) is amended by striking "\$215" and inserting "\$222".

(e) HOUSEBOUND RATE.—Section 1311(d) is amended by striking "\$104" and inserting "\$107".

SEC. 6. DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR CHILDREN.

(a) DIC FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN.—Section 1313(a) is amended—

(1) by striking "\$361" in paragraph (1) and inserting "\$373";

(2) by striking "\$520" in paragraph (2) and inserting "\$538";